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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1944, 1945 and 1946 1

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	Margarine and Beverages	Fresh fruits & vegetables	Meats	Butter	Cheese	Eggs	Poultry	Canned food stuff	Total
Estimated cars, June 1946	15,566	222	89,535	27,869	2,534	1,777	5,441	1,315	8,290
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,389	27,737	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	15.0	12.8	0.5	-17.5	-10.0	0.0	-9.9	-14.9
Estimated cars, July 1946	16,500	322	81,836	32,750	2,352	1,919	4,760	2,039	6,612
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,334	30,423	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	-17.2	3.1	7.6	-25.0	-10.1	-5.0	-5.0	-24.9
Estimated cars, August 1946	18,685	456	77,370	31,736	2,072	2,289	4,454	2,230	5,516
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,308	29,569	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	-17.2	7.0	7.3	-25.0	-9.9	-4.2	-5.0	-25.0
Estimated cars, September 1946	21,492	380	87,876	27,498	1,880	2,075	3,843	2,635	5,824
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	89,273	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374
Percentage increase or decrease	4.3	-9.5	-1.6	-9.1	-11.7	-12.9	-2.6	7.0	8.4
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,723	28,395	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,435	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790
Percentage increase or decrease	9.7	-5.8	10.1	-6.4	-11.1	-21.0	-4.2	7.5	-2.6
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,735	36,356	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,557	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206
Percentage increase or decrease	9.0	-21.1	14.2	20.9	-9.5	-7.0	-1.4	4.0	5.1
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,613	38,238	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	479	78,521	31,670	1,784	1,543	2,751	4,445	4,569
Percentage increase or decrease	15.8	-21.3	-5.0	21.1	-9.0	6.5	-3.0	-5.5	9.0

	Margarine and butterine <u>2</u>	Fresh fruits & vegetables <u>3</u>	Meats <u>4</u>	Butter <u>5</u>	Cheese <u>6</u>	Eggs <u>7</u>	Poultry dressed <u>8</u>	Canned milk <u>9</u>	Canned food stuffs <u>10</u>	Total <u>11</u>
Estimated cars, January 1946	21,406	579	83,732	28,009	1,674	1,472	2,928	2,687	4,364	37,946
Number cars shipped January 1945	19,472	472	80,658	31,257	1,970	1,690	2,937	2,559	4,430	37,016
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	12.3	3.8	-10.4	-15.0	-12.9	-0.3	5.0	-1.5	182,461
Estimated cars, February 1946	19,892	481	73,177	30,993	1,606	1,449	3,191	1,754	4,391	35,887
Number cars shipped February 1945	19,406	426	75,375	26,610	1,867	1,512	3,099	1,670	4,458	34,847
Percentage increase or decrease	2.5	12.9	-2.9	16.5	-14.0	-4.2	3.0	5.0	-1.5	169,270
Estimated cars, March 1946	19,418	410	85,293	26,252	1,822	1,726	3,907	1,714	5,026	42,193
Number cars shipped March 1945	21,576	481	83,831	29,357	2,119	1,876	3,946	1,632	5,566	40,879
Percentage increase or decrease	-10.0	-14.8	1.7	-10.6	-14.0	-8.0	-1.0	5.0	-9.7	191,263
Estimated cars, April 1946	17,136	500	89,375	25,680	1,836	1,409	3,933	1,107	6,852	28,796
Estimated cars, April 1945	20,160	562	75,264	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	176,856
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	-11.0	18.7	8.2	-13.0	-7.5	1.0	4.5	3.1	163,009
Estimated cars, May 1946	16,467	400	88,245	28,923	2,059	1,760	5,150	1,525	8,764	30,133
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,220	26,972	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	183,426
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	1.5	18.6	7.2	-15.9	-7.0	-1.0	0.0	-5.0	178,554
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1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1944, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in January, February and March 1945.

3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in 1944, and are substituted for previous estimates in January, February and March 1945.

4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. May, June, July and August 1946 are estimates. Watermelon shipments not included.

5 In 1944 and January, February and March 1945 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220 and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The other 9 months of 1945 and the first 8 months of 1946 are estimates on the same basis.

6 In 1944 and January, February and March 1945 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 9 months of 1945 and the first 8 months of 1946 are estimates of the same movement.